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From,

The Inspector General of Police
in Mysore.

To,

The Secretary to the Govt.
of H.H. the Maharaja of
Mysore in the Genl. and Rev
Departments.

Dated 5th 6 April 04

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Office of the
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.
Dated Bangalore, 5th April 1904.

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From

F.E.C. Carr Esquire.,
Inspector General of Police in Mysore.

To.

L. Anantasami Rao Esquire, B.A.,
Offg. Secretary to the Government of His Highness the
Maharaja of Mysore in the General and Revenue
Departments.

Sir,

I have the honor to state that about the middle of the year 1902, Mayee, an infant girl aged about 6 years and a half was married to Sidda, a boy about 14 years old- both of Wakkaligar caste- at Bommanahally in the Nagamangala Taluk of the Mysore District.

It is clear from the Register of Births and Deaths that the girl was born on the 1st February 1896. Though the exact date of the marriage could not be ascertained, the statements of witnesses examined, sufficiently show that the ceremony was performed in the month of June or July 1902. The marriage was therefore contracted in violation of the provisions of the Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation.

As the fathers of the bride and the bridegroom were dead at the time of the marriage, the contracting parties were the mothers, The Assistant Superintendent of Police recommends the prosecution of the following persons for an offence under section 3 of the Infant Marriages Prevention Regulation:-

(1) Kempi mother of the bride.

(2) Mayee, the mother of the bridegroom.

(3) Chennegowda, Patel of Bommanahally village and

(4) Purohit Subba Sastry who officiated as priest.

The Patel is recommended by the Assistant Superintendent to be prosecuted on the ground that he attended the marriage but took no action to prevent the occurrence. As there is nothing in the records to show that he is in any way related to the parties or that he took any active steps to arrange the marriage in question, I am not prepared to support the Assistant Superintendent's recommendation concerning the Patel. The Deputy Commissioner will, however, be moved to take departmental notice of the conduct of the Patel for having neglected to report the occurrence of the marriage to the Amildar. I therefore request that you will be so good as to move Government to sanction the prosecution of the individuals noted below:-

1. Kempi, mother of the bride.
2. Mayee, mother of the bridegroom and
3. Purohit, Subba Sastry who officiated as priest.

The case was brought to the notice of the Police only in June 1903, a year after the occurrence of the marriage, by a petition received from one Narasegowda of Bheemanahally in the Nagamangala Taluk. The investigation was dilatory in that the Superintendent of Police, late Mr. G. Krishna Rao, instead of taking action himself as per instructions issued from this Office entrusted the work to the Taluk authorities and exercised no sort of check over them.

The vernacular records in the case and the memo of the Assistant Superintendent of Police are herewith submitted for perusal and kind return.

I have the honor to be,

Sir,

Your most obedient servant,

H. C. Cameron

Inspector General of Police.

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Pro: of the Govt of H.H. the Maharaja of Mysore

Read,

Letter No. 6003/373 dt 6th April 1904, from the Inspector General of Police in Mysore, reporting that about the middle of the year 1902 Mayee an infant girl aged about 6½ years, was married to Sidda, a boy about 14 years old — both of Warkkalipar caste — at Bommanhully in the Nagamangala Taluk of the Mysore District, and recommending the prosecution of the parties concerned in the case —

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Order thereon No. 2354-62 dated Camp Yelandur, 20th April 1904.

The prosecution

of the individuals noted in the margin, is sanctioned as recommended.

1. Kempi, Mother of the bride.
2. Nanjee, Mother of the bridegroom
3 Subba Sastry, Purohit.

The conduct of Cheema Gowda, Patel of Bommanhully, in attending the marriage and his omission to take any action to prevent it or even to report the fact of the occurrence to the Amildar, will be brought to the notice of the Deputy Commr by the Inspector General, who will take departmental notice of the Patel's misconduct neglect and report the result to Govt, through the Inspr General —

The Government are constrained to observe that great delay has been allowed to take place both in getting information of the occurrence & in investigating it — They are

knowledge of a person that no useful purpose would now be served by calling for an explanation, as Mr G. Krishna Rao, Supdt. of Police, who is responsible for it, has since died. The Department trust that investigating Officers will pay prompt attention in dealing with such important matters in the future.

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Offg Secretary.

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